IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, as follows:

Further, according to the present invention, the light anhydrous silicic acid and the microcrystalline cellulose are contained in the particulate so that the total content of the light anhydrous silicic acid and the microcrystalline cellulose yields an adsorptivity of about 0.6 or above and more preferably from about 0.6 to about 0.7 per 1 weight part of pantethine. The adsorptivity as herein used refers to a value obtained by the following manner; define the adsorptivity of 1 as the weight content 66 mg of the light anhydrous silicic acid (Aerosil 200; produced by Nippon Aerosil Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) which is required to adsorb 100 mg of pantethine as determined in the applicable test 1 described later; and divide said required weight content of light anhydrous silicic acid (66 mg) by the weight content of a substance required to adsorb 100 mg of pantethine. For example, a 181 mg weight content of microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH-101; produced by Asahi Kasei Corporation, Osaka, Japan) is required as shown in the below-described applicable test 1 and thus its adsorptivity is determined as 0.36 = (66 (mg) /181 (mg)) ~~(= 66 (mg) /181 (mg))~~. The adsorptivity based on the total content of the light anhydrous silicic acid (Aerosil 200) and the microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH-101) is determined as ~~(pantethine weight content)/(light anhydrous silicic acid weight content)~~ (light anhydrous silicic acid weight content)/(pantethine weight content) x 1 + ~~(pantethine weight content)/(microcrystalline cellulose weight content)~~ (microcrystalline cellulose weight content)/(pantethine weight content) x 0.36. Thus, it is determined as 139.64/200 x 1 + 24/200 x 0.36 = 0.74[[.]] based on the Formulation 1 to be described herein later.

Please amend Table 4 beginning on page 10, line 1, as follows:

Table 4

	Formulation 1		Formulation 2		Formulation 6	
	Content (%)	Degradation products (%)	Content (%)	Degradation products (%)	Content (%)	Degradation products (%)
Initial content	96.9	100	97.7	100	98.0	100
After 1 month storage in Al pack at 50 °C	93.9	256	97.0	173	94.2	~~100~~ 265
Adsorptivity	0.74		0.68		0.67	